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This pamphlet summarizes the statistics on women which are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and indicates where the data may be found. The sources indicated in this document represent a wide variety of publications, including press releases, periodicals, bulletins, and reports. The information is divided into the following four areas: labor force status, employment, and unemployment; earnings and hours of work; education; and membership in labor organizations. Information on how to obtain the data is given at the back of the pamphlet. (BM)

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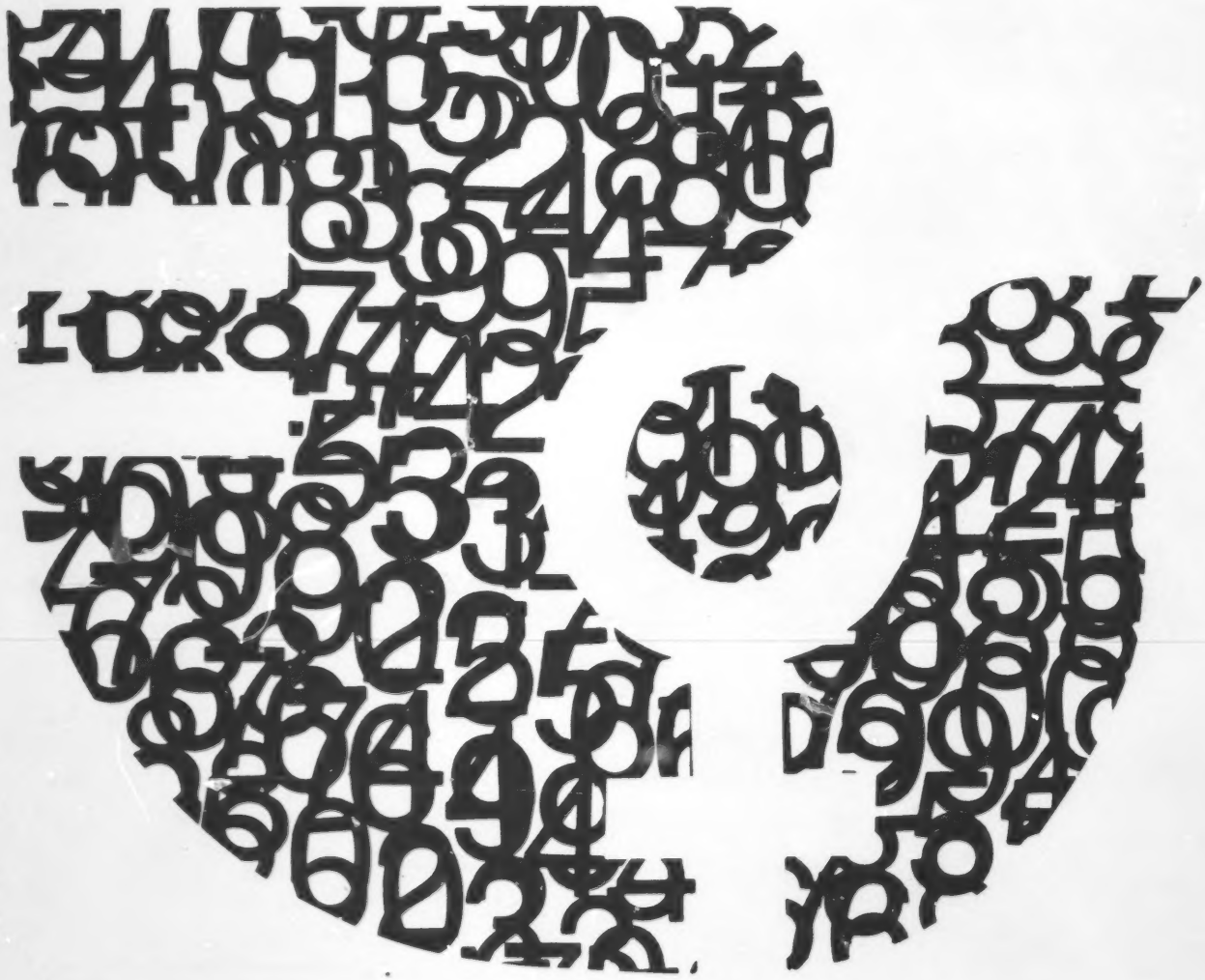

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Preface

As part of its mission as the primary collector and distributor of data on working Americans, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes a wide array of data about working women. This information is presented to the public through a variety of publications, including press releases, periodicals, bulletins, and reports. The purpose of this pamphlet is to summarize the statistics on women which are available from the BLS and indicate where they may be found. Information on how to obtain the data is given at the back of the pamphlet.

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Where to Find BLS Statistics on Women

Labor Force Status, Employment, and Unemployment

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes a great variety of statistics on the labor force status, employment, and unemployment of women. It also prepares analytical articles and reports based on these statistics.

Most of the information comes from a monthly household interview survey—the Current Population Survey (CPS)—conducted for the BLS by the Bureau of the Census.

Some data on women by industry of employment come from a monthly survey of business establishments—the Monthly Report on Employment, Payroll, and Hours—conducted jointly by the BLS and State employment security agencies.

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Statistics from the Current Population Survey			
Characteristics of working women and changing trends since 1950.	*U.S. Working Women: A Databook* Bulletin 1977 (1977)	One-time	–
Charts showing characteristics of working women and changing trends since 1950.	*U.S. Working Women: A Chartbook* Bulletin 1880 (1975)	One-time	–
Current monthly data: Labor force and employment status by age, race, family relationship, marital status, occupation, and class of worker; Unemployment by age, race, marital status, duration, reason, occupation and industry of last job, and jobseeking methods.	*Employment and Earnings*	Monthly	April 1978
Seasonally adjusted and unadjusted data on the employment and unemployment status of women 16 years and over and 20 years and over, and unemployment rates by age and race.	News release, *The Employment Situation*	Monthly	April 1978
Current quarterly data: Labor force and employment status by age, race, family relationship, Hispanic origin, location in metropolitan or nonmetropolitan area, poverty or nonpoverty area; Women not in the labor force by current activity, reasons for not seeking work, race, age, and work history; Unemployment by age, race, location in metropolitan or nonmetropolitan area, poverty or nonpoverty area.	*Employment and Earnings*	Quarterly: January, April, July, and October issues	April 1978 for 1st Quarter

Labor Force Status, Employment, and Unemployment–Continued

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Labor force status of women 20 years and over; reasons for not being in the labor force; employed and unemployed persons by family relationship; unemployment rates for women 20 years and over, in poverty and nonpoverty areas.	News release, *Labor Force Developments*	Quarterly	April 1978 for 1st Quarter
Current annual data:			
Labor force and employment status by age, race, family relationship, marital status, occupation, detailed occupation, class of worker, industry, and detailed industry;	*Employment and Earnings*	Annual: January issue	January 1978
Unemployment by age, race, marital status, duration, reason, occupation and industry of last job, and jobseeking methods.			
Labor force, unemployment, and occupational distribution by State and metropolitan area.	Report, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*	Annual	Report 504—data for 1976
Historical data:			
Labor force, employment, and unemployment data by age, race, marital status, occupation, industry, education, and reasons for nonparticipation in the labor force.	Bulletin, *Handbook of Labor Statistics*	Annual	1977 Edition, Bulletin 1966
Statistics from the survey of business establishments			
Current monthly data:			
Number and proportion of women on nonagricultural payrolls for 402 industries.	*Employment and Earnings*	Quarterly: February, May, August, and November issues	February 1978
Current annual data:			
Number and proportion of women on nonagricultural payrolls for 402 industries.	*Employment and Earnings*	Annual: March issue	March 1978
Historical data:			
Number of women on nonagricultural payrolls by industry division, major industry group, and detailed industry.	Bulletin, *Employment and Earnings, United States.*	Annual	Bulletin 1312-10

Labor Force Status, Employment, and Unemployment–Continued

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Analyses			
Labor force characteristics by marital and family status; shows presence and age of children, number of earners in families, by type of family.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Marital and Family Characteristics of Workers"	Annual	February 1978—data for March 1977
	Special Labor Force Report	Annual	SLFR 206—data for March 1976
Number of children with mothers in the labor force by employment status of parents and family income.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Children of Working Mothers"	Annual	January 1978—data for March 1977
	Special Labor Force Report	Annual	SLFR 205—data for March 1976
Characteristics of families headed by women and changes over time.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Women Who Head Families"	Annual	February 1978—data for March 1977
Number of women in the labor force who were divorced or separated, by age, race, and family income.	Special Labor Force Report, *The Labor Force Patterns of Divorced and Separated Women*	Occasional	SLFR 198—data for March 1975
Over-the-year comparison of labor force changes; occupational and industrial characteristics.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Employment and Unemployment"	Annual	February 1978
Patterns of increased labor force participation of women and the declining participation of men during the past quarter of a century.	*Monthly Labor Review*, October 1977, "Labor Force Trends: A Synthesis and Analysis"	One-time	–
	Special Labor Force Report 208	One-time	–

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Number of families with 2 workers or more; historical trends.	Special Labor Force Report 189, *Families and the Rise of Working Wives—An Overview*—data for March 1975	One-time	–
Working women in three major age groups, 16-24, 25-54, and 55 and over; historical trends, 1950-74.	*Monthly Labor Review*, November 1975, "Women in the Labor Force: The Early Years, the Middle Years, and the Later Years"	One-time	–
An analysis of women workers, by industry and occupation.	*Monthly Labor Review*, May 1974, "Where Women Work—An Analysis by Industry and Occupation" (Reprint 2964)	One-time	–
Employment patterns of family members.	*Monthly Labor Review*, December 1976, "New Data Series on Families Shows Most Jobless Have Working Relatives"	One-time	—
Work-life expectancy, by marital status and presence of children.	Special Labor Force Report, *Length of Working Life for Men and Women*	Occasional	1977 SLFR 187—data for 1970
Discussion of labor force status of teenagers by area of residence—central city, suburban, and nonmetropolitan—in 1975 and previous years.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Youth in the Labor Force: An Area Study"	Occasional	July 1976
Persons in the labor force who hold 2 or more jobs at the same time. Contains data on occupation, industry, and hours of work.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Multiple Jobholders"	Annual	January 1978—data for May 1977
	Special Labor Force Report	Annual	SLFR 194—data for May 1976
Differences in job tenure; relation of tenure to mobility.	Special Labor Force Report, *Job Tenure of Workers*	Occasional	SLFR 172—data for January 1973
Extent of change in occupation over the year.	Special Labor Force Report 176, *Occupational Mobility of Employed Workers*	One-time	–

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Patterns of job search for employed workers.	Special Labor Force Report 202, *The Extent of Job Search by Employed Workers*	One-time	–
Methods persons used to find jobs in 1972.	*Jobseeking Methods Used by American Workers*, Bulletin 1886 (1975)	One-time	–
Projections of total labor force by age for 1980, 1985, and 1990.	Special Labor Force Report, *The U.S. Labor Force: Projections to 1990*	Occasional	1977 SLFR 197
Persons who worked or were unemployed for 1 week or more during the preceding calendar year.	Special Labor Force Report, *Work Experience of the Population*	Annual	SLFR 201—data for 1976
Charts showing selected characteristics of the Hispanic population and labor force.	*Workers of Spanish Origin: A Chartbook*, Bulletins 1970 and 1971 (Spanish-language version) (1978)	One-time	–
Labor force status of persons of Spanish origin in 1975 and earlier years.	*Monthly Labor Review*, September 1976, "Americans of Spanish Origin in the Labor Force"	One-time	–
Discussion of involuntary part-time work as a form of underutilization of human resources.	*Monthly Labor Review*, September 1975, "Involuntary Part-time Work"	One-time	–
Characteristics of the unemployed; women as a percent of total unemployed.	*Who are the Unemployed? A Chartbook*, Bulletin 1965 (1977)	One-time	–
Discussion of the black-white unemployment differential.	*Monthly Labor Review*, July 1975, "Investment in Human Capital and Black-White Unemployment"	One-time	–
Discussion of trends in the household and establishment survey series for unemployed due to layoff.	*Monthly Labor Review*, November 1976, "Workers on Layoff: A Comparison of Two Data Series"	One-time	–
Patterns of job search for unemployed workers.	*Monthly Labor Review*, November 1977, "Job Search of the Unemployed"	One-time	–
Trends and characteristics of the unemployed, 1967-72.	Special Labor Force Report 157, *Job Losers, Leavers, and Entrants: Traits and Trends*	One-time	–

The BLS publishes data collected annually from the Current Population Survey which include earnings and hours of women workers. The BLS also conducts surveys of wages by occupation in selected industries and areas. Where possible, these data are published for men and women separately. A listing of all occupational wage surveys conducted by the BLS is available in *Directory of Occupational Wage Surveys, Jan. 1970-Dec. 1976*, Report 506 (1977).

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Trends in weekly and hourly earnings for major labor force groups.	News release	Annual	November 1977 USDL 77-955—data for May 1977
	Special Labor Force Report, *Weekly and Hourly Earnings from the Current Population Survey*	Annual	SLFR 195—data for May 1976
Changes in work schedules over the year.	News release	Annual	December 1977, USDL 77-1092
Wage and salary employees who work more than the standard 40-hour week.	News release	Annual	September 1977, USDL 77-820—data for May 1977
	Special Labor Force Report, *Long Hours and Premium Pay*	Annual	SLFR 196—data for May 1976
Analysis of lost worktime as measured in the household survey.	Special Labor Force Report, *Absence from Work—Measuring the Hours Lost*	Occasional	SLFR 207—data for May 1973-76
Discussion of wage gap between men and women and whites and blacks—trends from 1967 to 1974.	*Monthly Labor Review*, August 1975, "Trends in Weekly Earnings: An Analysis[11]	One-time	–
Annual earnings of year-round, full-time workers.	Special Labor Force Report, *Year-Round Full-time Earnings in 1975*	Occasional	SLFR 203

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Straight-time hourly or weekly earnings and earnings distributions by occupation in selected industries.	Bulletins, *Industry Wage Surveys*	Each industry surveyed every 3-5 years; about 12 industries surveyed each year	*Hosiery, July 1976,* Bulletin 1987 (1977); *Banking and Life Insurance, December 1976,* Bulletin 1988 (1978)
Straight-time hourly or weekly earnings and earnings distributions by occupation in 70 metropolitan areas.	Bulletins, *Area Wage Surveys*	Each area surveyed annually	Bulletin series 1950 (1977-78)

Education

Data on education are collected annually in the Current Population Survey. Education refers to formal education obtained in a regular school system that advances a person toward an elementary school certificate, a high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree.

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Changes in the educational levels of members of the labor force.	*Monthly Labor Review,* "Educational Attainment of Workers"	Annual	November 1977—data for March 1977
	Special Labor Force Report	Annual	SLFR 193—data for March 1976
Labor force status of persons 16-24 who either graduated from high school or are no longer enrolled in school.	News release, *Employment Situation for School-Age Youth*	Annual	January 1978—USDL 78-9 data for October 1977

Education–Continued

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
	Special Labor Force Report, *Students, Graduates, and Dropouts in the Labor Market*	Annual	SLFR 200—data for October 1976
School enrollment status of persons 35 years old and over.	Special Labor Force Report, *Going Back to School at 35 and Over*	Annual	SLFR 204—data for October 1976
Projections to 1990 of educational attainment of workers.	Special Labor Force Report, *Education of Workers: Projections to 1990*	Occasional	SLFR 160—(1974)

Membership in Labor Organizations

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Trends in women's participation in unions and employee associations 1952-72.	*Monthly Labor Review*, October 1974, "Women's Participation in Labor Organizations	One-time	–
Number of women members and percent of total membership; number of women officers and officials.	Bulletin, *Directory of National Unions and Employee Associations*	Biennial	Bulletin 1937 (1977)—data for 1975
Differences in earnings of union and nonunion workers.	*Monthly Labor Review*, "Measuring Union-Nonunion Earnings Differences"	Occasional	December 1974
Comparisons of earnings and other data from the CPS on union and nonunion workers.	Report 417, *Selected Earnings and Demographic Characteristics of Union Members* (1977)—data for 1970	One-time	–

Unpublished Data

Labor force statistics. In addition to supplying data in the published forms listed, the BLS has made it possible for researchers to tap its vast resources of unpublished data on women in the labor force. One of the most recent developments for this purpose is a computer data bank and retrieval system known as LABSTAT. Many of the more than 100,000 time series in the data bank concern women. With this system, researchers within and outside of BLS can, without the aid of computer specialists, use a computer terminal to locate, extract, and print out BLS data. Inquiries should be sent to the Office of Systems and Standards, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., 20212.

The Bureau also can generate special data on the labor force and other socioeconomic variables concerning women through use of the Current Population Survey individual record (micro) tapes. These tape files contain records of the responses to the survey questionnaire for all households in the survey. Except for certain items, mostly pertaining to specific addresses and household identification, analysts can obtain and cross-classify a wide variety of information from these tapes on families, households, and persons. A library of CPS micro tapes is available for all months since January 1976; for the month of March since 1968; for May since 1973; and for various other months in years prior to 1976. Inquiries regarding the micro tapes should be addressed to the Data Services Group, Office of Current Employment Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212.

Family expenditures. Tapes can also be obtained for the *Consumer Expenditure Survey* containing data on expenditures by families headed by women and families where both husband and wife are earners. For information, write to the Division of Living Conditions Studies and Consumer Expenditure Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212.

Occupational safety and health statistics. At the end of 1977, data became available on the incidence rates and estimates of the numbers of occupational injuries and illnesses by sex. This information is from the Supplementary Data System (SDS), compiled on a State-by-State basis from State workers' compensation agencies. Currently, 35 States are reporting. Because the data are new, they have not yet been published. However, a report on women is planned for the near future. Inquiries should be sent to the Office of Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, New Department of Labor Building, Washington, D.C. 20210.

How to Obtain BLS Publications

Placing orders

News releases and reports are available free of charge, as long as supplies last, from the regional offices of the BLS (see inside back cover) or from the national office (Inquiries and Correspondence, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212).

Periodicals are for sale by subscription and single copy. Among the Bureau's seven periodicals are:

Employment and Earnings (monthly). Subscription, $18 per year ($22.50 foreign mailing). Single copy $1.50. Write to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Monthly Labor Review. Subscription, $16 per year ($20 foreign mailing). Single copy, $1.40. Write to *Monthly Labor Review*, Box 353, La Plata, Md. 20646.

Occupational Outlook Quarterly. Subscription, $4 per year ($5 foreign mailing). Single copy, $1.30. Write to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Bulletins are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or at the regional offices of the BLS (see inside back cover).

Mailing lists

News releases. To receive *The Employment Situation* monthly and *Labor Force Developments* quarterly, ask the national office to put your name on Mailing List 365.

Special Labor Force Reports. Special Labor Force Reports are reprints of articles from the *Monthly Labor Review* with supplementary tables and technical notes. To receive Special Labor Force Reports as they become available, ask to be put on Mailing List 308.

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BLS periodicals and other major publications are available at most large public, college, and university libraries.

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